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Idaho Springs Officer Charged in Tasing

Idaho Springs Police Officer Nicholas Hanning was charged yesterday in connection with his involvement in response to a disturbance in the 3200 block of Riverside Drive in Idaho Springs, just before 11:00 p.m. on May 30, 2021.

On May 30th, Officer Hanning and another Idaho Springs officer were responding to an alleged assault on a female by a neighbor. When the officers contacted the neighbor at his apartment, a man in his 70s was holding a sword-like weapon with what appeared to be teeth along both edges. A physical altercation between Officer Hanning and the male ensued. After multiple commands were given by both officers, Officer Hanning deployed his Taser. The male was injured as a result, and ultimately taken to St. Anthony's hospital for medical care.

The incident was reviewed by the Idaho Springs Police Chief Nathan Buseck. On June 3, 2021, Chief Buseck contacted the District Attorney's Office and requested a criminal investigation into the matter. After an initial review of the incident, District Attorney Heidi McCollum contacted the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to assist in that criminal investigation.

The CBI investigation has been substantially completed and an arrest warrant was issued for the charge of 3rd Degree Assault – At Risk Adult, a class 6 felony, against Officer Hanning. No other charges are being contemplated at this time.

Officer Hanning voluntarily turned himself in on the warrant yesterday morning and was advised of the possible penalties by Clear Creek County Court Judge Cynthia Jones. Bond was set at \$2,000 cash or surety. The court ordered Hanning to relinquish, within 24 hours, any firearm or ammunition in his immediate possession or control and to provide proof of that relinquishment to the court within three business days of the relinquishment. Formal charges are due by 4:00 p.m. on July 12th, and Hanning's next court date is July 13th at 9:00 a.m.

Bodycam footage related to the incident will be released by this office when it becomes available, and subject to order of the court.

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